ZERO

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WHO KILLED KAIE?
HEY, GET OUT OF THE WAY, OLD MAN!
KAIE I'VE GOT TO TALK TO KAIE I TELL YOU!
IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT
AKATSUKI KAGEO, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR SUSPICION OF MURDER
YOU MEAN KAIE'S DEAD?
I'M TELLING YOU, IT WASN'T ME!
WHY?

THAT WAS THE SECOND TIME I'VE SEEN SOMEONE DIE
OUT!
HE WAS TAKEN AWAY IN HIS PYJAMAS SO HE'S BORROWING A UNIFORM / FROM THE DETAINMENT CENTER
POP
WHAT'S THIS? ALREADY CAUGHT THE TERR? HAVE YOU? LET ME GO IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO GO HOME NOW
IF YOU DON'T WANT THESE ON, YOU'LL COME ALONG QUIETLY
OH YOU'RE NOT BEING RELEASED YET YOU STILL HAVEN'T BEEN CLEARED OF SUSPICION WE'RE TRANSFERRING YOU TO THE INTERROGATION ROOMS ON THE FIRST FLOOR

KICK
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
NO!!
OH!!
HEY!!
KNOCK IT OFF!

AND LEFT HANDED EH?
RIGHT
KA-CH
CK
MR. POLICEMAN! IT'S HIIIIIIIM! I SAW IT! THE CULPRIT IS THE GUY NEXT TO MEEEEEE!
SHHH SHUT UP!
EH, WAIT
WHAT THE
YOU EASY-GO
DOOOOOO
CHING
IT SURE IS NICE AND EASY HAVING YOUR DEXTERITY ON YOUR ID NUMBER. THIS WAY NOTHING MAJOR CAN HAPPEN

OH GOD...
YOU'VE BEEN SAYING AND DOING, WHATEVER YOU WANT FOR A WHILE NOW IT WAS YOU, WASN'T IT? YOU KILLED KAIE
YOU WERE CAUGHT RED-HANDED CONFESS RIGHT AWAY, OKAY? THIS IS REALLY A HASSLE YA KNOW!
OR MAYBE YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH ME. OR SOME-THING?
YOU WERE PISSED BECAUSE I STOLE KAIE FROM YOU. SO YOU WANTED TO PICK A FIGHT WITH ME ABOUT IT RIGHT?
THE SAME RIGHT BACK AT YOU, MURDERER
WHY THE HELL I'D GO TO YOUR PLACE?
MURDER RECEIVES THE DEATH PENALTY... BUT POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS ISN'T A LIGHT SENTENCE EITHER.
OH GOD.
ISN'T THIS STUPID
WELL... FOR YOU?
AKIFUMI
HOLDING HIM AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE
THE ZERO.
NATURALLY, BOTH OF YOUR ROOMS WILL BE SEARCHED

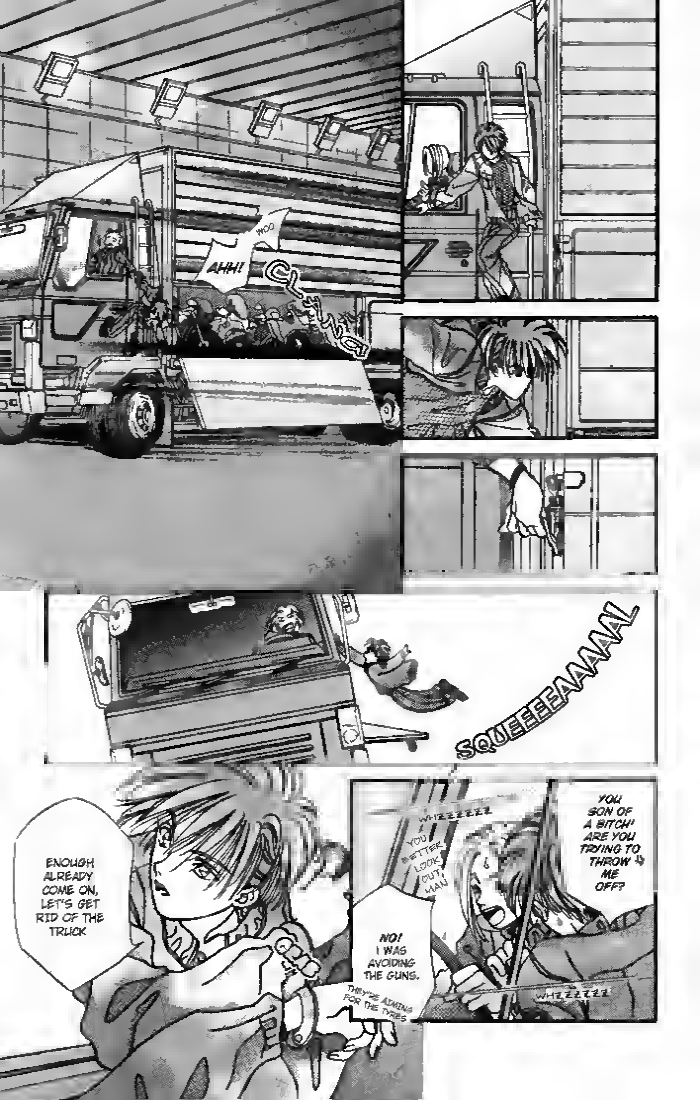
WHISPER
FOR THE PRESENT I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE
CUT OFF AN ARM RIGHT HERE AND NOW
OR
SHUT UP AND FOLLOW ME. WHICH IS IT GONNA BE?
WHISPER
WHOSE ARM?
POINT
I'LL GO WITH NUMBER TWO
DO YOU REGRET IT?
CREEPY
EISHI F BATSU
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN HANDLE DYING BEFORE I MEET RIKAKO
IF THE OTHER CRIMES I'VE COMMITTED ARE ADDED TOGETHER...
IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT I'LL ALSO BE FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER CHARGE...
IT'LL BE A LIFE SENTENCE OR THE DEATH PENALTY
WHAT'S WRONG? DON'T GET QUIET ALL OF A SUDDEN!

SORRY!
SKEWICK
OK!
COME ON!
STOP!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
THERE WERE A FLEET OF TRUCKS PARKED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ELEVATORS
THAT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE I BET
THEY WILL PROBABLY POST POLICEMEN BY THE ENTRANCE BYPASS AND STOP US THERE
THEY'RE ALREADY RUSHING BACK
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
GET IN!
WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO COME AFTER US.
THE OUTSIDE AIR ALWAYS COMES IN ON THE FIRST FLOOR, SO THERE'S ALMOST ALWAYS NO ONE THERE.
VAROOOM
K-CHK
K-CHK
VRRRR

OOPS! THIS IS THE TUNNEL WE WANT
HMM. I SEE!
HEH HEH HEH
THE 'COPTERS WILL COME AFTER US
NO THEY WON'T
IF YOU GO OUTSIDE YOU'LL DIE FROM RADIATION... WHY GO OUT OF THE WAY TO SPEND MONEY ON CRIMINALS? THEY WON'T FOLLOW US
HEH HEH HEH
BLAM
NO WAY THIS IS DANGEROUS WAY TOO DANGEROUS WAY WAY TOO DANGEROUS
COUNT ME OUT!!
CLANK
SQUEAL
WAIT A SEC.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? IF I FOLLOW YOU I'M GONNA DIE?
YOU MIGHT I'M JUST SAYING THERE'S A POSSIBILITY

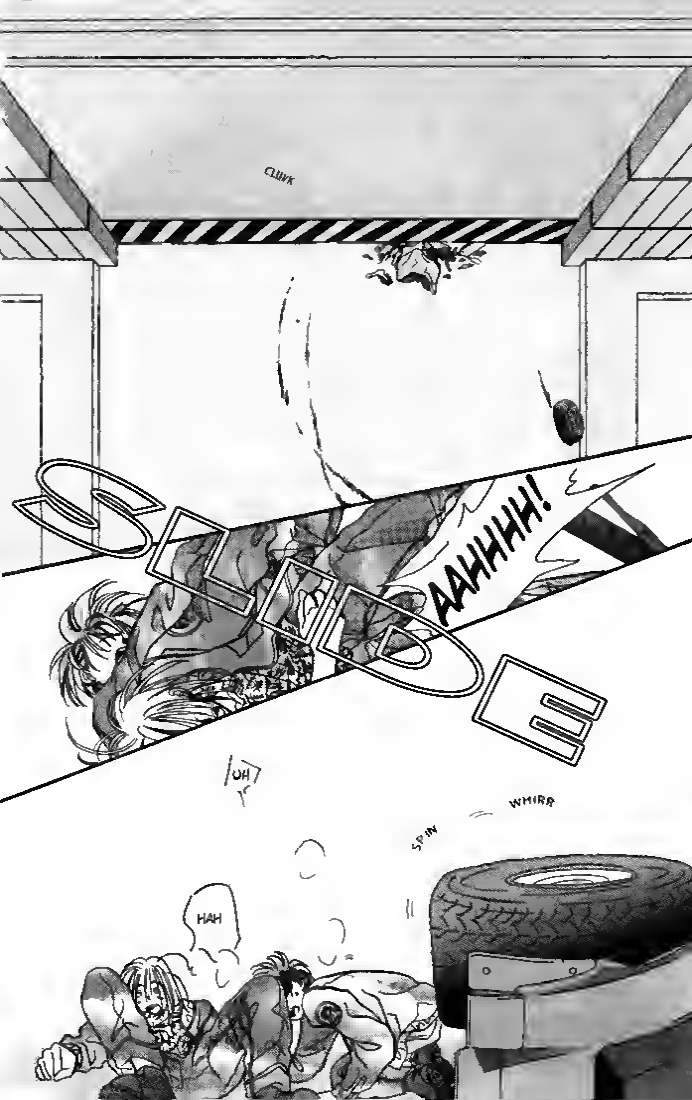
YES SIR!
YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH, AREN'T YOU, KAORI?
YOU KNOW ONCE YOU DECIDE ON SOMETHING
YOU GOTTA STICK TO IT RIGHT?
WHAT ABOUT THE GAUGE IT'S TELLING YOU TO "STOP"
THAT'S MY BIG FAILING I DON'T KNOW HOW TO BRAKE
WHAT?
I'VE NEVER DRIVEN A CAR BEFORE
WH-WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. SHEESH...
DON'T MAKE ME ANGRY!

HOLD THAT YOU MENTION IT...
MOTOCYCLES...
CLATTER
BUMP
WHAT WAS THAT?
I'M SURE IT WOULD BE MUCH EASIER IF YOU WERE ON TOP
MY LEGS ARE CAUGHT!
IT'S TOO CRAMPED
I CAN'T BREATHE!
WHAT'S LOADED IN THE BACK?
CLICK
CHIK
WHAT A LUCKY FIND!
BANG
BANG
BANG
DON'T MOVE!
THEY'RE SHOOTING AT US!
WHEEE
WHOA, THE ROAD'S BLOCKED OFF
PATSU...
JUST DO IT!
YOU THINK I CAN DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
WAIT
WAIT
WE'LL GET OUT ON ONE OF THOSE BIKES BEHIND US WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT OR WE WON'T MAKE IT OUT THE DOOR IN TIME
WHAT?
TIE THAT BETWEEN THE DOOR AND THE WHEEL...


WOO
AHH!
SQUEEEEAAAAAL
YOU SON OF A BITCH! ARE YOU TRYING TO THROW ME OFF?
WHIZZZZZZ
YOU'D BETTER LOOK OUT, MAN!
NO! I WAS AVOIDING THE GUNS.
THEY'RE AIMING FOR THE TYRES
WHIZZZZZZ
ENOUGH ALREADY COME ON, LET'S GET RID OF THE TRUCK

WAIT A SEC!
I'M TELLING YOU BUT YOU'RE NOT LISTENING
LEND ME A HAND HERE!
HAND
AHHH
CLUNK
OUT OF CONTROL
AAAAHHHHHHHHH!
WOOOOOOOOOOSH
VVVVVV
VVVVVV
VVVVVV
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH!

BRMMMMMM
THERE THEY ARE!
WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, GRAB ON TIGHT...
SCREEEEECH
CRUNCH
THIS IS SO WRONG
YIKES
I'M FROM SMALLWORLD
MAKE YOURSELF SMALLER THAN ME
THIS IS A HUGE HASSLE. YOU'RE STICKING OUT
TSK!
WE'RE ABOUT THE SAME SIZE SO THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, ISN'T IT?
I CAN ONLY PROTECT THINGS THAT ARE MY OWN BODY WIDTH.
HMMMMM
YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU TRY. CAN'T YOU CAN'T YOU


CLUNK
AAHHHH!
OH
SPIN
WHIRR
HAH

NICE.
THAT WAS LIKE SOME CRAZY DO OR DIE SITU-ATION.
STAND UP.
FOR NOW, WE'VE GOTTA GET AS FAR AWAY FROM HERE AS POSSIBLE.
WE HAVE SOME RUNAWAYS
RUNAWAYS? THAT'S UNUSUAL... WELL, I GUESS OCCASIONALLY THERE ARE THOSE TYPES OF FOOLS.
SHORTLY AFTER YOU ARRIVED AT ZOO, REPORTING THAT SORT OF TRIVIAL THING BECAME YOUR JOB, DIDN'T IT, COLONEL.
WELL, THAT'S...
WHAT, I WONDER?
THIS...
DESERT
SEWER

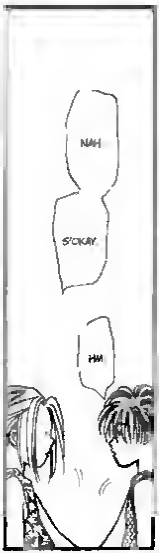
NOT FOR THE TIME BEING ANYWAY
HMMM, IT'S NOT THIS WAY IS IT?
SO THEY'RE NOT GONNA CHASE US?
MAN, THESE ARE CHEAP ONE SHOT OUGHTTA DO IT
CLINK
WHACK
CLINK
POLISH
WHAT ARE YOU POLISHING IT?
CLEAN YOU
SPARKLE
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK
YOU CAN DISPOSE OF KAGEO UKATSUKI AS YOU WISH.
BUT BRING DAITSU BISHI BACK TO ME ALIVE.
SNARL
WHACK
CLINK

AND I HAVEN'T EVEN DONE ANYTHING I'VE GOTTA TAKE A PISS
NOT ONLY ARE YOU CERTAINLY A MURDERER BUT IF YOU'RE INVESTIGATED THEY'LL PROBABLY DIG UP MORE
HOW MUCH TIME?
HMM, WHICH DIRECTION?
WHY'D I HAVE TO ESCAPE WITH YOU?
WELL THE BATTERY'S DEAD LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO WALK FROM NOW ON.
TAKE EVERYTHING AND LEAVE IT.
GEH!
WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE BY YOURSELF TO DO THAT!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO? BESIDES WE'RE BOTH GUYS SO IT SHOULDN'T BE A BIG DEAL.
STOP
AND IT'S KNOTTED UP
USING MY RIGHT HAND IS AWKWARD CAN I USE MY LEFT?
NO
USE A T-SHIRT INSTEAD OF A BELT
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO WHEN IT'S TIME FOR A NUMBER TWO?
SMIRK
IF YOU'RE GETTING ALL NERVOUS NOW
POLISHIN
STER
IT'S ALREADY NICE AND SHINY
UHHHH, NICE TECHNIQUE
WHAM WHAM WHAM

CLARE
EVAN
I JUST REALISED SOMETHING
WE NEED SUNBLOCK OUT HERE DON'T WE
EYE-MASTER GLASSES TOO
I WONDER HOW MUCH RADIATION IS LEFT...
HMM, ABOUT AS MUCH AS YOU GET FROM AN X-RAY I'D SAY
SO IF YOU TOOK AN X-RAY RIGHT NOW YOU'D BE ABLE TO SEE INSIDE MY STOMACH AND STUFF?
UHM, IT'S HOT
DON'T COME NEAR ME!
SAME TO YOU DON'T COME THIS WAY

HEY, LOOK AT THAT
IF WE RETURN, WE'LL RUN INTO ZOO, AND EVEN IF WE DETOUR, WE CAN ONLY GO SOUTH
WE'VE BEEN CURSED AND COME EAST.
THAT FISH IS DEFORMED, RIGHT?
H-HEY, YOU CAN'T EAT THE FISH HERE, OKAY?
FISH!
FISHY!
FISHY!
FLOP
FLOP

IDIOT!
DEFORMED? WHATEVER THE MEAT'S THE SAME ISN'T IT?
IT'S EATEN ALL SORTS OF CONTAMINATED MATERIALS SO YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN IT!
WELL THEN, PLEASE TASTE TEST IT
HEY, YOU'RE ACTING KINDA FUNNY, KAGEO WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I WAS JUST JOKING
FINE EAT IT AND DIE THAT'LL MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR ME
MY FATHER
KAGEO?



I DON'T KNOW WHY HE ATE SOMETHING LIKE THAT. BUT HE WAS THE ONE WHO TAUGHT ME THAT MUCH, SO HE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN.
MY MOTHER DIED RIGHT AFTER GIVING BIRTH TO ME SO HE WAS THE ONLY FAMILY I HAD

WHO KILLED KATE?

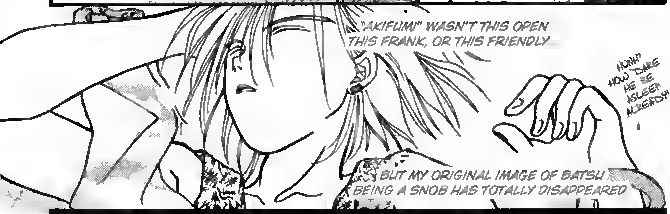
WHAT'S MORE THE WOMEN ALL GET ALONG YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE
AND ZOO'S NOT SO SMALL THAT FIGHTS OCCUR OVER BEING IN CONTACT WITH THE WOMEN'S TERRITORY
THERE ARE LOTS OF INCIDENTS AT ZOO WHERE MEN ARE KILLED IN FIGHTS OR COMPETITIONS AND THE WOMEN ARE CHERISHED
"I'M GONNA SAVE UP A LOT OF MONEY AND GET OUT OF THIS PLACE"
NO WAY KATE WOULDN'T COMMIT SUICIDE
FROM WHAT I SAW THERE WASN'T ANY BLOOD ON THE WALL SO SHE CAME TO MY ROOM TO KILL HERSELF!
"I LOVED YOU ALL ALONG"
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY TO MY ROOM, IN THAT CONDITION TO SAY THOSE WORDS?
SO?
"SAVE ME GEO"
WHY?
KAGEO?
YOU OKAY,

SIZZLE
BURN
HEY.
SHADE IT FEELS SO GOOD
YOU AWAKE?
YOU CREATED [redacted] SHADE WITH YOUR OWN BODY FOR ME?
HOW LONG WAS I OUT?
HUH? ABOUT AN HOUR, I GUESS.
YOU SHOULD HAVE CHOPPED MY HAND OFF AND LEFT IT IF YOU STAY IN A PLACE LIKE THIS FOR A LONG TIME YOU'LL BE BREADCRUMBED.
YEAH, WELL...

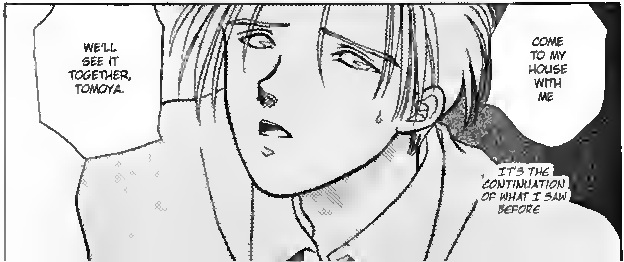
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT TWENTY-FIVE TIMES IN THAT HOUR
THAT MEANS EACH THOUGHT WAS ABOUT THREE MINUTES!
IS IT REALLY NOT HIM?
HE'S NOT KAIE'S KILLER.
GURGLE
HEY! SHUT UP
YOU TOO PUNK
IT'S LIKE THIS AFTERNOON NEVER HAPPENED
GARGLE
MAN, IT GETS COLD AT NIGHT DOESN'T IT
PUNK
WELL IF YOU DON'T KNOW I'LL TEACH YOU
LIKE I SHOULD KNOW?
BUT IF YOU FACE THAT WAY IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME RIGHT?
LYING ON MY BACK MAKES ME FEEL HUNGRY
URA-AHG!

BAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
WOO
SIGNAL!

I'VE NEVER HAD A FIGHT WITH "AKIFUMI"

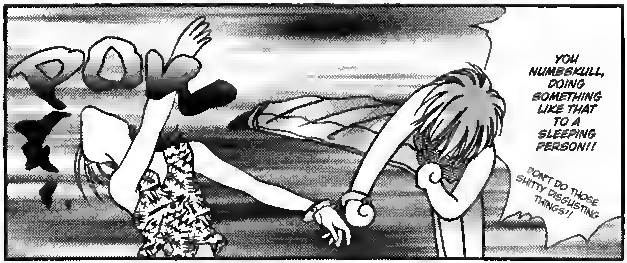

"AKIFUMI" WASN'T THIS OPEN
THIS FRANK, OR THIS FRIENDLY
HUH? HOW DARE HE HOLDER MURAKAMI'S
BUT MY ORIGINAL IMAGE OF BATSU BEING A SNOB HAS TOTALLY DISAPPEARED

HEY.
THERE'S SOMETHING...STRANGE AT MY HOUSE.

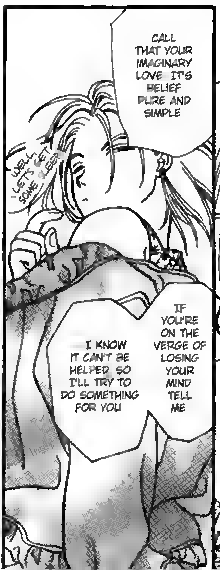

WE'LL SEE IT TOGETHER, TOMOYA.
COME TO MY HOUSE WITH ME
IT'S THE CONTINUATION OF WHAT I SAW BEFORE

WHOA, IT'S OK. TAKE IT EASY AKIFUMI.
PUCK
THIS WAS IN MY FATHER'S STUDY...
WHOAH, IT'S HEAVY!
WHAT THIS?
IS THIS REAL?
THE WAY I SEE IT, HE'S A GOOD-NATURED PERSON, SO HE WOULDN'T HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS IF IT WASN'T NECESSARY...
WHY DOES YOUR DAD HAVE THIS?
GOOK..!
I WONDER WHAT HE NEEDED IT FOR?
AND WHAT'S THAT?
I UNDER-STAND THIS EVEN LESS...
OVER SEAS? THAT'S AWESOME
GERMANY?!
LOOK, YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP THIS A SECRET.
I HAVE TO GO MEET MY FATHER IN GERMANY OVER THE LAST HALF OF SUMMER BREAK.
AND I'M GOING TO TAKE THIS, AND ASK HIM ABOUT IT.

SO WHAT DOES YOUR FATHER DO?
I DON'T KNOW
HE'S WORRIED BATSU IS
HEY! GET UP!
BATSU
YEEEAH?
HELLOOOO?
SMIRK
CHU♡
HEH
HEH


POK
YOU NUMBSKULL, DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO A SLEEPING PERSON!!
DON'T DO THOSE SHITTY DISGUSTING THINGS!!

I WASN'T CALLING YOUR NAME!!!
DON'T CALL OUT MY NAME IN YOUR SLEEP!
DANGEROUSLY KISSING MY LIPS ON A GAS THAT INSPIRED...
IS NOT THE HOUSE
SON OF A— YOU WERE ASLEEP?


CALL THAT YOUR IMAGINARY LOVE. IT'S RELIEF PURE AND SIMPLE
OH, I SEE I SEE
I KNOW IT CAN'T BE HELPED SO I'LL TRY TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU
IF YOU'RE ON THE VERGE OF LOSING YOUR MIND TELL ME
IT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T HAD A WOMAN IN SO LONG

I WAS TALKING ABOUT THE "BATSU" FROM ZERO. PROBABLY I THINK.
THAT'S

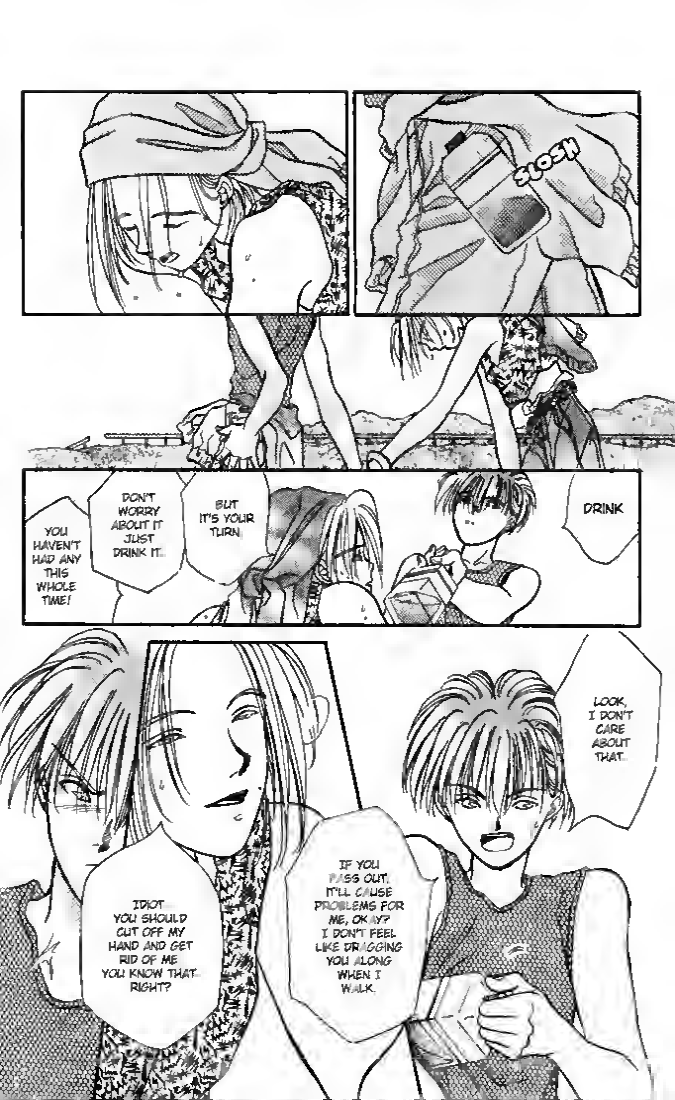
YOUR INCARNATION, OR SOMETHING. NOT THAT MAYBE A RELATIVE
I CAN ONLY THINK IT'S THE "REAL PERSON"
ANYWAY, YOU LOOK IDENTICAL EVEN YOUR NAME IS THE SAME

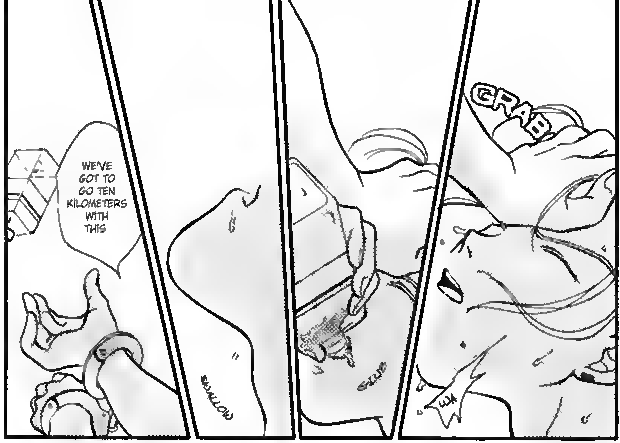
I'LL THROW UP!
I WANT TO KNOW YOUR TRUE IDENTITY.
IMAGINARY... IS IT? WHY DON'T YOU TRY TAKING THIS AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.
HUH?
WHOA, HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND ALREADY?
HUH? WHY?

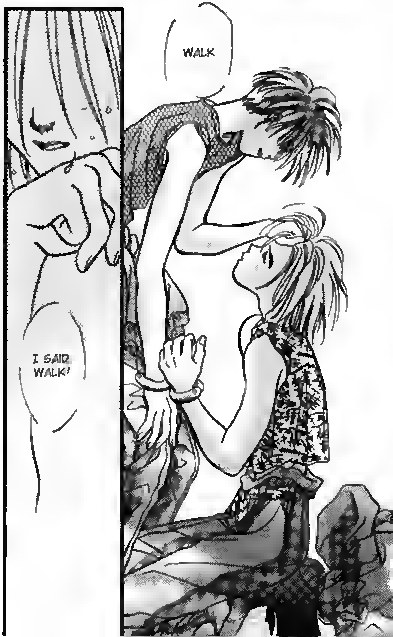
.....
XXXXX
YOU WANT ME TO SEE YOU'RE EVEN WILLING TO USE DRUGS!
DRUGS DON'T REALLY AGREE WITH ME.
IT'LL MAKE ME VOMIT. PUKE ALL OVER THE PLACE.

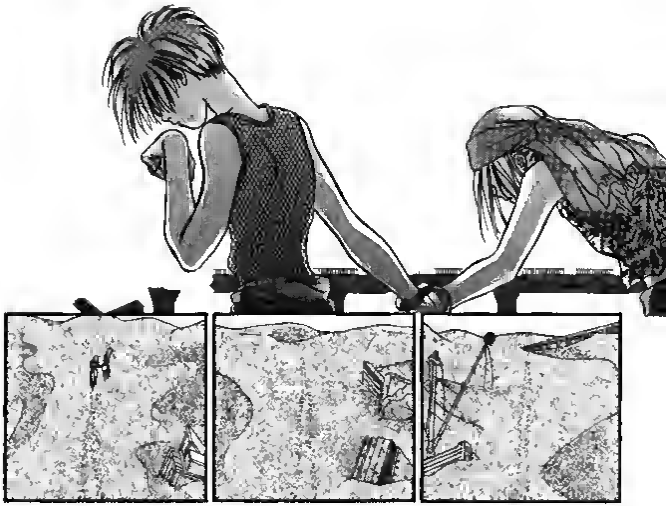
I'M GONNA GO SEE RIKAKO...
ZZZZZZ
SPEAKING OF WHICH... EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T TAKE ANY DRUGS A WHILE AGO...
IT WAS YOU, RIGHT?
GIVE YOURSELF UP
IT WAS YOU
TOW'S YOURSELF IN TO THE POLICE
WHO KILLED THAT PRECIOUS WOMAN?
HAAAAAHH. SO THERE'RE NO WOMEN.
HUH?
HMMM. REALLY? HOW BORING

... I HAD A ZERO DREAM...
TOMOYA ——
MY PRETTY JULIA...
YOUR REALITY IS FLAWLESS.
NOW, SHOW ME MORE...
MY PRETTY DOLL.
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

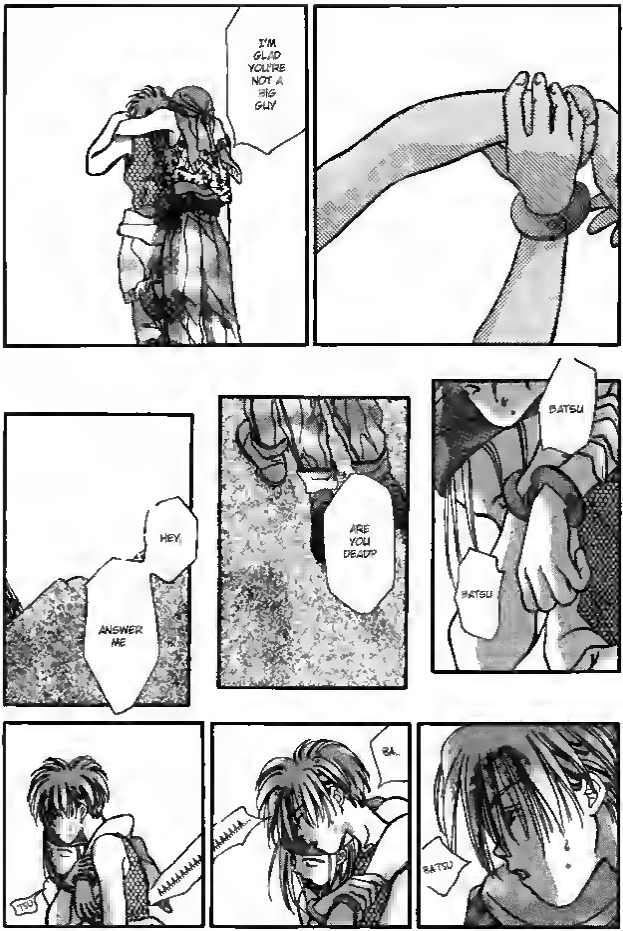

YOU HAVEN'T HAD ANY THIS WHOLE TIME!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT JUST DRINK IT.
BUT IT'S YOUR TURN.
DRINK
LOOK, I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT.
IF YOU PASS OUT, IT'LL CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR ME, OKAY? I DON'T FEEL LIKE DRAGGING YOU ALONG WHEN I WALK.
IDIOT YOU SHOULD CUT OFF MY HAND AND GET RID OF ME YOU KNOW THAT. RIGHT?

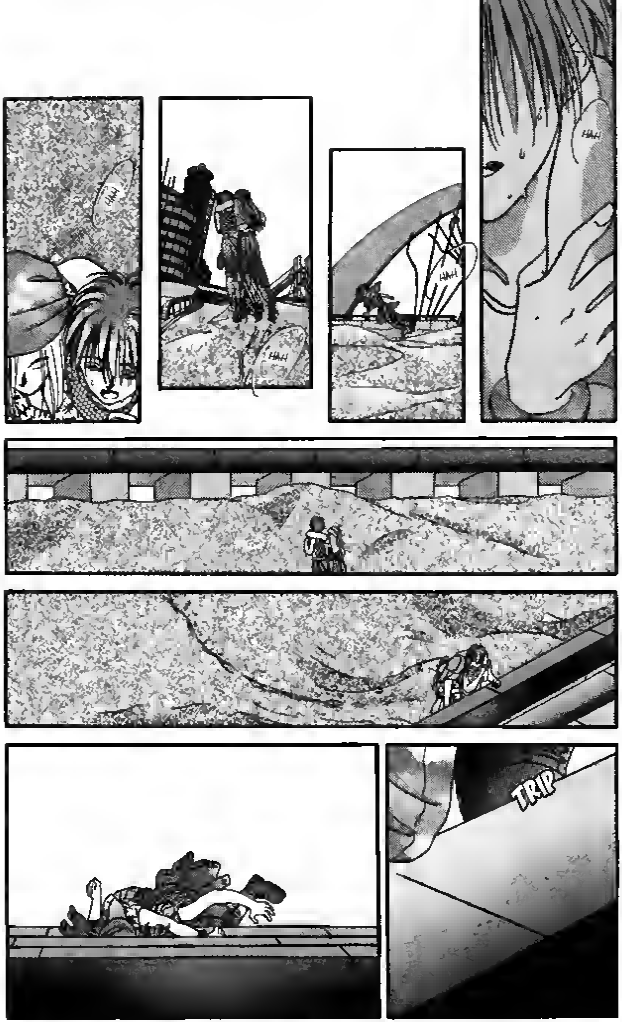

WE'VE GOT TO GO TEN KILOMETERS WITH THIS
SWALLOW
GRAB
YUK

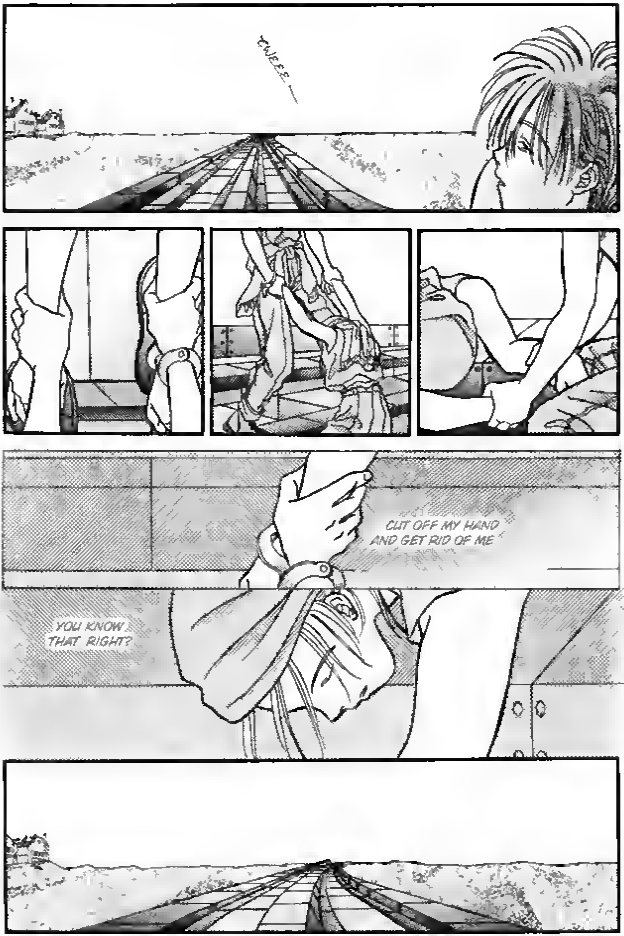

WALK
I SAID, WALK!



I GUESS I SHOULD HANG IN THERE
AFTER ALL IT CAN'T BE HELPED RIGHT?
HEY
FLOP!


I'M GLAD YOU'RE NOT A BIG GUY
HEY, ANSWER ME
ARE YOU DEAD?
BATSU
BATSU
TSU
AAAAAAA
BA
BATSU


HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
TRIP


KNEEE—
CUT OFF MY HAND AND GET RID OF ME
YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

CWEEE
HE'S HEAVY
HE'S NOT MOVING

GRAB

SLIP
OOH!
I'VE GOT NO GUTS
ZMMMMM
AAH
AAH
SLEEVE SLEEVE SLEEVE

SPLASH
HEY!
WHAT THE?
WHO.
SO YOU WENT AND CROSSED THE DESERT? THAT WAS FOOLISH EVEN THOUGH THE RADIATION IS STRONG IN THE SAND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RAILS.
I WANT TO WASH OUT YOUR INNARDS RIGHT ABOUT NOW, TOO. YOU KNOW
ANGELICA, SHUT OFF THE WATER NOW!! THE BATH!
IT'S HEATING UP NOW.
WOMEN?
IS THIS
JAPAN?

"WOMEN" FIGHT?
THIS IS WHAT I ESKEWED MY LIFE TO RUN FROM THE DESERT?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YUP SHE'S A LITTLE OLDER BUT SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE COULD BEAR LOTS OF KIDS SHE'S GOT A GOOD VIBE I'D SAY
YOU OKAY?
SPLISH
SPLASH
MY HUSBAND SAYS IT'S PRETTY STRANGE OVER THERE
SO YOU TWO CAME HERE FROM ZOO?
WHEN YOU SAY "STRANGE" ...?
HUSBAND
SHOCK
NOT ONLY THAT HE SAYS THAT THERE ISN'T ANYBODY WHO KNOWS THE FACE OF THE PERSON IN CHARGE
IF I RECALL IT'S GOTTEN SO THAT YOU DEFINITELY CAN'T GO UNDER-GROUND

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
WELL MY HUSBAND RAN AWAY BECAUSE HE DIDN'T CARE FOR WHO THE STRANGE ONE MIGHT BE
IS THAT SO...
COME OUT AFTER YOU'VE WASHED AND RINSED REALLY WELL
IF YOU DO SO, THE RADIATION THAT YOU SOAKED UP WILL BE FLUSHED AWAY
WELL, I'M GOING TO GET THE PARTY READY! COME ON
PULL
PULL
HEY
BLOOSH

SPLASH
DON'T LOOK!
DEFINITELY DON'T LOOK AT ANYTHING YOU WOULDN'T NORMALLY SEE!
FWOOSH
WOW! YOU'VE GOT A BIRTHMARK IN AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE!
BOOT
GET AWAY!
MORE OVER, BEING TOLD NOT TO LOOK MAKES ME WANT TO LOOK
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!!
I'VE GOT NO CHOICE
EVEN BEING TOLD THAT, I CAN SEE IT
OH DARLING
DON'T GET NEAR ME!
BEING TOLD TO "GET AWAY"
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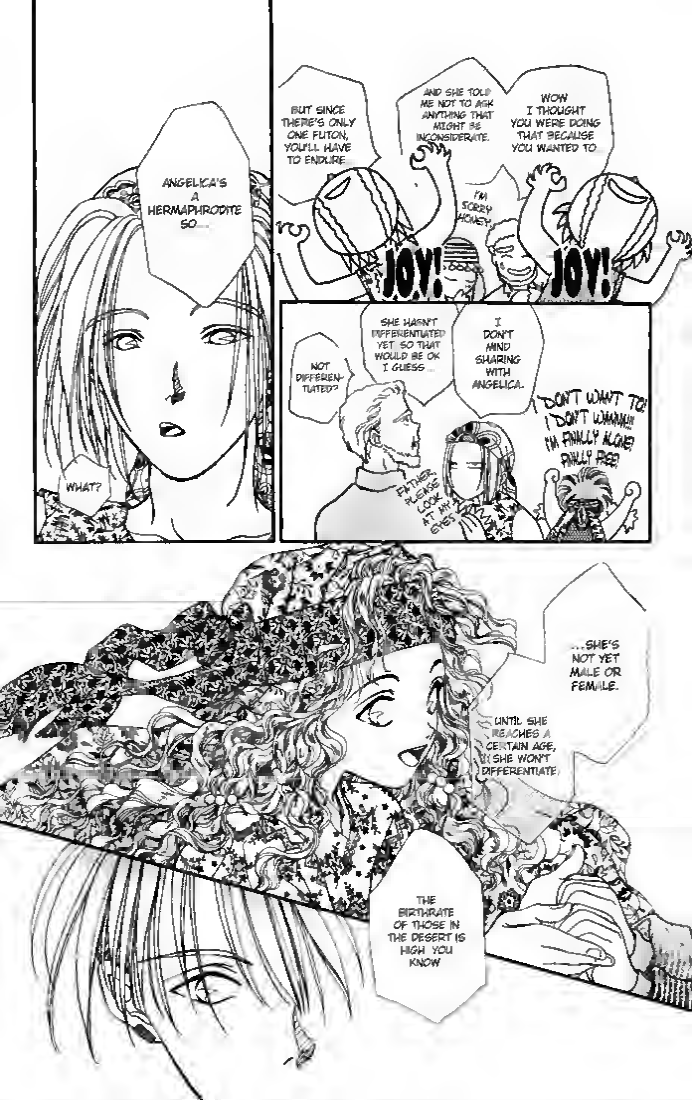
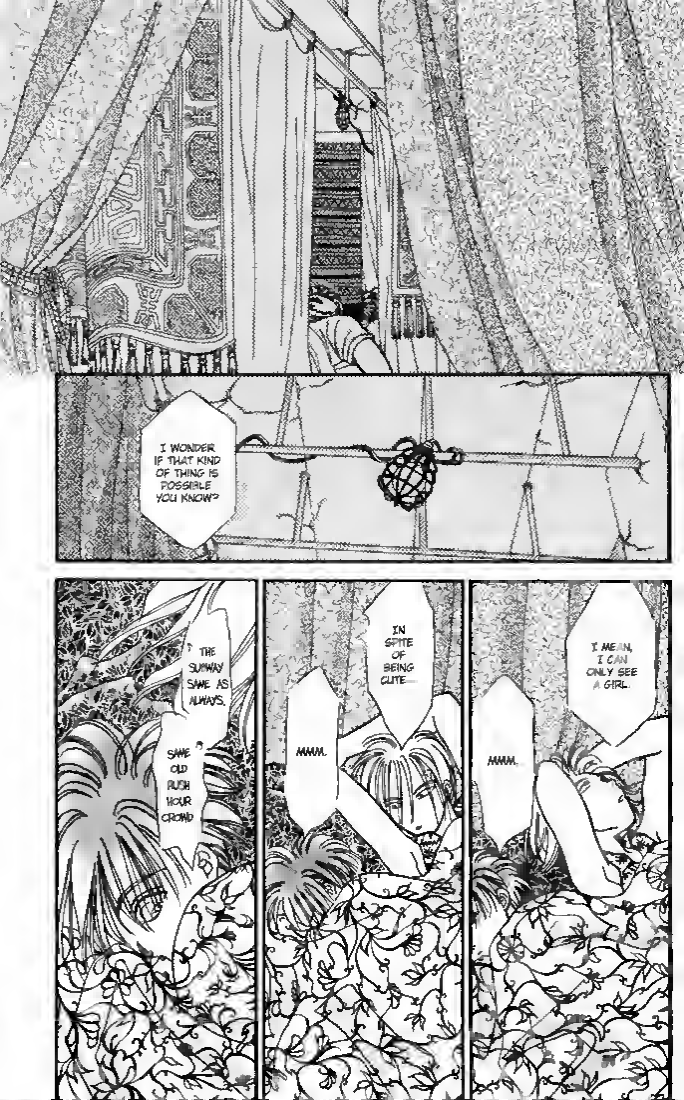
SCARF GOBBLE CRUNCH MUNCH
THE MOUTHS THAT WOULD SAY TWO DAYS ARE BUSY AT THE MOMENT
HOW MANY DAYS HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU'VE EATEN?
YOU'RE AWFULLY ENTHUSIASTIC
AHAHAHAHAHA
WELL, EVEN HERE BECAUSE OF THE SOIL AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT WE ONLY HAVE PROCESSED FOOD
THERE'S NOTHING FRESH BUT EAT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE
WOW!
AND THESE ARE THE HYDROPONIC CHERRY TOMATOES I'M SO PROUD OF
THEY'RE JUICY!
SAY MR. OGAWA, THE WATER, IS IT REALLY OKAY? THE WATER HERE HASN'T BEEN CONTAMINATED BY THE RADIATION?
WE USE CHLORINE DOSED IN A HUGE QUANTITY OF A LARGE TANK BUT...
OH YES IT'S FINE SOMEHOW THE SUPPLY WATER STILL SEEMS TO RUN
WE HAVE TO LET A LITTLE BIT OUT THAT WE DON'T USE, BUT IT'S PLENTY DRINKABLE
IT SEEMS TO COME FROM NEW TOKYO SOMEHOW

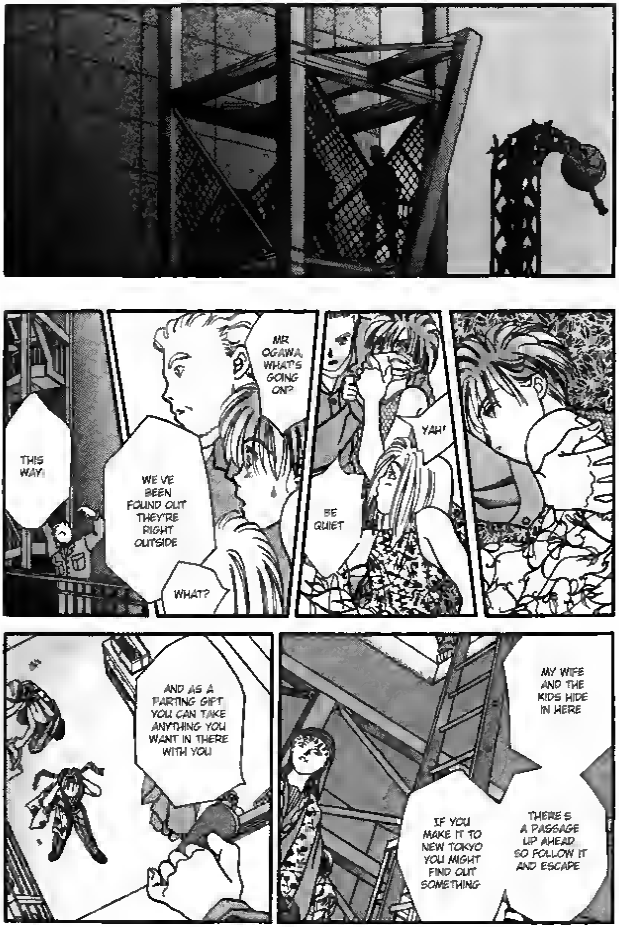
I FELT I FINALLY CAME TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT ISN'T THE AIR THAT KILLED PEOPLE BUT THAT PEOPLE KILLED PEOPLE.
BUT IT WAS DIFFERENT TO WHAT I EXPECTED
I MADE VARIOUS PREPARATIONS, THINGS LIKE A RADIATION DETECTOR, YOU KNOW. I LEFT AND CAME HERE READY TO DIE BUT...
WHEN I LEFT ZOO .
THAT'S RIGHT
AND THE CURIES ARE SO LOW IN THIS AREA, THAT IT'S EVEN ALL RIGHT FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE
SO ARE THE SEWERS CONNECTED TO THE CAPITAL?
THE "CURIE" IS THE UNIT USED TO MEASURE RADIATION
THOSE WERE MY PARENTS.
DAMN. THE PEOPLE HERE ARE WISE.
LUCKILY, I WAS PICKED UP BY A FAMILY THAT HAD CONTINUED TO LIVE HERE
SHE WAS CAUGHT BY THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS OF ZOO AND TAKEN WAY.
WOW! IT'S A GIRL.
WHAT A WASTE
SHE OFTEN TALKED ABOUT THE MIRAGE OF THE NEW CAPITAL, THOUGH
GRANDMA AND GRANDPA HAVE DIED BUT BETWEEN THE TWO OF US,
HEADING THE LIST WITH A SIXTEEN YEAR OLD WE'VE GOT THREE CHILDREN
16 YEAR OLD?
DON'T WE, DEAR?
WHERE?
THAT'S RIGHT, DARLING
ANGELICA'S TWELVE AND CATHERINE'S NINE.

THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM, TOUR
SHE HAD GOOD INSTINCTS AND HAD THE TENDENCY TO GUESS THE WHEREABOUTS OF FOOD AND WATER
THAT'S RIGHT WITHOUT HER AROUND IT'S BEEN REALLY INCONVENIENT HASN'T IT?
BY THE WAY DO YOU TWO WANT TO SHARE A FUTON?
YEAH
UH WELL CAN WE GET RID OF THESE?
OH MY
HUH?
BEEP BEEP BEEP
THIS IS ONE OF BOOTS, RIGHT? THIS SHOULD PROBABLY TAKE CARE OF IT THEN
CLICK
ALRIGHT!
FREEDOM!


ANGELICA'S A HERMAPHRODITE SO...
WHAT?
BUT SINCE THERE'S ONLY ONE FUTON, YOU'LL HAVE TO ENDURE.
AND SHE TOLD ME NOT TO ASK ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE INCONSIDERATE.
WOW I THOUGHT YOU WERE DOING THAT BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO
I'M SORRY HONEY.
JOY!
JOY!
NOT DIFFERENTIATED?
SHE HASN'T DIFFERENTIATED YET. SO THAT WOULD BE OK I GUESS.
I DON'T MIND SHARING WITH ANGELICA.
I DON'T WANNA TO I DON'T WANNA I'M FINALLY ALONE! FINALLY FREE!
FATHER, PLEASE LOOK AT MY EYES
...SHE'S NOT YET MALE OR FEMALE.
UNTIL SHE REACHES A CERTAIN AGE, SHE WON'T DIFFERENTIATE.
THE BIRTHRATE OF THOSE IN THE DESERT IS HIGH YOU KNOW


I WONDER IF THAT KIND OF THING IS POSSIBLE YOU KNOW?
I MEAN, I CAN ONLY SEE A GIRL
MMM.
IN SPITE OF BEING CUTE
MMM.
THE SUNWAY SAME AS ALWAYS.
SAME OLD RUSH HOUR CROWD

DON'T WHISPER TO ME SUDDENLY!
YOU ARE RATSUI AKIFUMI AFTER ALL, AREN'T YOU?
THAT SONG IS A SONG FROM THE ZERO ERA.
YIKES! WHAT'S WITH THAT REACTION?
I LEARNED IT FROM ANGELICA THIS AFTERNOON.
SHE PROBABLY HEARD IT FROM HER FATHER, OR SOMETHING.
I'M NOT APOLOGISING, I TELL YOU!!
SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN NOW?
ARE BONDS WITH THE PAST THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU?
...YOU SUT THAT RIGHT? I THOUGHT


THIS WAY!
WE'VE BEEN FOUND OUT THEY'RE RIGHT OUTSIDE
WHAT?
MR OGAWA, WHAT'S GOING ON?
BE QUIET
YAH!
AND AS A PARTING GIFT YOU CAN TAKE ANYTHING YOU WANT IN THERE WITH YOU
IF YOU MAKE IT TO NEW TOKYO YOU MIGHT FIND OUT SOMETHING
THERE'S A PASSAGE UP AHEAD SO FOLLOW IT AND ESCAPE
MY WIFE AND THE KIDS HIDE IN HERE

TAKE CARE!
WE CAN'T LIVE ANYWHERE ELSE BUT HERE WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO PROTECT THIS PLACE!
WE'VE MADE IT UP TO NOW DOING IT THIS WAY
GEO!
WHAT?! HE'S GOOD AT PLAYING DUMB.
WHAT ABOUT MR. OGAWA? ISN'T IT RISKY TO BE UP THERE?

I WONDER IF MR. OGAWA IS OKAY
HE'S USED TO IT. HE'S A MAN OF THE SOIL, REMEMBER?

BY THE WAY, IS THERE AN ADDRESS FOR NEW TOKYO?
FOR THE TIME BEING, IZOO'S THAT WAY SO THE ADDRESS IS "WEST".
THAT'S PRETTY VAGUE...

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